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ENERGY CONFERENCE

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1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A CABLE FROM THE NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CONTAINING THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND NORWAY'S VIEWS ON THE CONFERENCE:

2. QUOTE. NORWAY CONSIDERS THE CONFERENCE IMPORTANT AS A FIRST STEP ON THE ROAD TOWARDS A GLOBAL AND FUTURE-ORIENTED POLICY OF SENSIBLE UTILIZATION OF THE WORLD'S ENERGY RESOURCES.

"WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT THE CONFERENCE TRY TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION OF CONSUMER AND PRODUCER COUNTRIES. IN THE FURTHER FOLLOW-UP OF THE CONFERENCE WE SHOULD, THEREFORE, TRY TO DRAW IN PRODUCER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES.

"WE HAVE NO SPECIAL COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA AND AGREE THAT EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE PRICE AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS CONSEQUENCES OF THE OIL SITUATION. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE, BUT TWO EXPERTS (FINANCIAL) FROM OSLO WILL ATTEND (ARNE LIE AND SORBOTTEN).

"THERE ARE NO SPECIAL COMMENTS ON PLANS FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE. DUE TO THE SHORT DURATION OF THE CONFERENCE, IT IS ASSUMED THAT THERE WILL NOT BE MUCH OPPORTUNITY FOR EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF THE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, BUT AN ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO ELUCIDATE AND DEFINE THE PROBLEMS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AND TO DETERMINE HOW THEY SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE FUTURE.

"IN GENERAL WE WILL SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL FORMS OF COOPERATION WHICH AIM AT TAKING CARE OF THE INTERESTS AND REQUIREMENTS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR OF ALL COUNTRIES, MEASURES TO PREVENT WASTE AND RECKLESS EXPLOITATION OF NON-RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY, AND, FINALLY, INTERNATIONAL MEASURES AIMING AT STABILIZING PRICES OF IMPORTANT FORMS OF ENERGY.

"AS REGARDS THE QUESTION OF THE NORWEGIAN VIEW ON CALLING AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS PROPOSED
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BY ALGERIA, OUR ATTITUDE IS POSITIVE TO THIS.

"NORWAY ASSUMES THAT THE OECD WILL BE ASSIGNED WITHIN THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD A CENTRAL ROLE IN FURTHER COORDINATION WORK.

"THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING DELEGATION:

KNUT FRYDENLUND FOREIGN MINISTER
JENS EVENSEN MINISTER OF COMMERCE
ARNE ARNESEN UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
ARNE LIE UNDERSECRETARY (PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE)
AMBASSADOR SOMMERFELT
ODD GOTHE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
STEINAR SORBOTTON DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF FINANCE
KARL E. MANSHAUS DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY
PER G. SCHOYEN MINISTER COUNSELLOR, FOREIGN MINISTRY
PER OLBERG EMBASSY COUNSELLOR
END QUOTE

3. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE
ARNESEN AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MANSHAUS WILL ATTEND THE FEBRUARY 10
PREPARATORY CONFERENCE.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ALSO ADVISED THE EMBASSY INFORMALLY
THAT NORWAY'S MINISTER OF FINANCE, PER KLEPPE, MIGHT STILL ATTEND
THE CONFERENCE IF ENOUGH OF THE FINANCE MINISTERS FROM OTHER
COUNTRIES ATTEND. BYRNE

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